MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether Travancore could be made self-supporting in paddy by throwing open these swampy areas for paddy cultivation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the quantity of paddy that could be got out of 4,590 acres of swampy area if it is cultivated?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member himself can answer that. There should be some sort of rational understanding before putting questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Swampy Areas Committee has recommended the swampy areas being disafforested?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They have recommended the disafforestation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government when this Committee submitted their report to the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it was in 1923.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have taken any action on the Swampy Areas Committee Report with regard to the recommendation for disafforestation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the areas have been mostly disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many acres of the swampy areas have been disafforested after the submission of the Report of the Committee?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The information I have got is that almost all the areas have been disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that there are thousands of acres now available to be disafforested in Nedumangad, Kottarakara and Pattanapuram taluks?

PRESIDENT: We shall have another Committee to go into that. He says that all the swampy areas have been disafforested.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether people are ready to cultivate these 4,590 acres of swampy areas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware whether people are ready.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government whether any applications have been received by them to get these areas or any portion of them registered?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*License to collect green manure.*

234. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the system of issuing license to collect green manure for the use of the paddy lands was in vogue at any time;

(*b*) when that system was discontinued;

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(*c*) why it was discontinued ; and

(*d*) whether people have petitioned to Government that that system must be revoked ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Collection of manure leaves from Reserved Forests is not allowed except from specified acres such as scrub-jungle reserves.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

(*d*) Yes.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the practice of collecting green manure under license from specified acres from the scrub-jungle reserves was in vogue in Nedumangad taluk ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : It is in vogue even now.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether any cultivator has been permitted to collect green manure in Nedumangad taluk during the course of this year ?

**PRESIDENT** : He says it is in vogue even now.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, that is why I ask this question whether anybody in the Nedumangad taluk has been permitted to collect green manure during this year.

**PRESIDENT** : People are still allowed to do it ; that is the answer.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : But as a matter of fact people are not allowed, Sir.

May I know whether the Government are aware that that system has not been permitted in the Nedumangad taluk during the last few years ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether permission has been granted to any person in the Nedumangad taluk during the course of last year or this year for the collection of green manure ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the cultivators in Nedumangad taluk are undergoing a lot of difficulties due to not getting permission to collect green manure ?

**PRESIDENT** : That is exactly contrary to the answer given. The answer given is that they are even now permitted.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government the nature of the permission that is being granted to the cultivators now ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : They are allowed to collect green manure from the scrub-jungle reserves.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it done under license?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any person has been granted the license to collect the green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: The member has already answered that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will look into the matter and see that the grievances of the cultivators are redressed?

PRESIDENT: About what? According to the Government member, nobody has any grievance because the system is still in existence.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I submit, Sir, that the grievance still exists.

PRESIDENT: According to the Government member, there exists no grievance. If you can draw the attention of Government pointedly to the fact that people have applied for license and have not been given license, it would be alright.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether one Meerasayu of Perumkamala, an agriculturist, has applied for license to collect green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I do not find that name, but I find that the honourable member himself applied for it, or for special concession and it was refused.

PRESIDENT: So bad!

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I challenge the member, Sir. I have not applied for license for collection of green manure.

PRESIDENT: What is it? Why did you drag in the honourable member's name? What is the reason?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The honourable member applied for a special concession.

PRESIDENT: For what?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He wanted permission to collect green manure from the reserves and that was refused.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. Mr. S. J. Nair wanted to know whether a certain individual had applied for a particular concession. The official member, instead of answering that question, brought in the name of Mr. S. J. Nair and said that the concession applied for by him was refused. Is it proper on the part of the official member to drag in the honourable member's name?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The honourable member wanted to know—

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I also rise to a point of order.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I want a ruling on my point.

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**PRESIDENT :** But Mr. S. J. Nair does not seem to be particular about it. He jumps up for asking another question.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : The honour of the House has to be kept up, Sir. Was the official member right in dragging in Mr. S. J. Nair's name ?

**PRESIDENT :** So far as I can see from the question on the agenda, the question related to the system of issuing license to collect green manure for the use of paddy lands which was in vogue. All questions relating to the grant of license for the collection of green manure leaves are relevant. But whether a particular individual applied for the collection of green manure leaves and was refused would all depend upon the information that is supplied to Government. The member definitely asked a question whether such and such an individual had applied for it and was refused. The duty of the member, who was going to answer it, was either to admit it or deny it ; or if he was not ready with the answer, he could have claimed notice. Instead of that, he had in a way dragged in the name of the honourable member which I think was entirely out of order. (Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai : *Hear, hear*). I do not expect members of Government to drag in names of honourable members on the floor of the House without any relevancy to it.

**MR. T. C. THOMMAN** (*Secretary to Government*) : May I be permitted to explain, Sir ?

**PRESIDENT :** No.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Is it open to the member to challenge the ruling of the Chair ?

**PRESIDENT :** No.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether Mr. S. J. Nair had applied for his personal use or on behalf of the people of Nedumangad ?

**PRESIDENT :** Are you pursuing the question ?

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Because the member stated that the member for Nedumangad had applied for a license to collect green manure, I challenge it. The member had applied not for his personal use but on behalf of the people of Nedumangad on the request of the cultivators. I am aware that the Forest Department refuses permission to people to collect green manure. My point is to bring that fact to the notice of Government and see whether anything useful could be done for the cultivators of Nedumangad taluk. But when the official member answered the question, it seemed as if I applied for my personal use and was refused. It is my duty to bring to the notice of Government the sufferings of the people by means of representations, questions, etc.

**PRESIDENT :** The member was quite in order in having brought to the notice of Government the difficulties of his people.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether one Mr. Meerasayu applied for license to collect green manure ?



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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the member for Nedumangad had brought to the notice of Government that the people of Nedumangad were not permitted to collect green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what action Government have taken on that petition?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The petition was rejected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government considered it not possible to grant the request.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how, when it was not possible to grant the request, the Government member stated that that system still continues?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The petition was to collect green manure from the forest reserve and it was refused.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, when the fact was brought to the notice of Government that the system that was prevailing was discontinued and the people must be permitted to collect green manure from scrub-jungle reserves, why no concession was given and why the petition was rejected?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government found that the practice of allowing people to collect green manure from the scrub-jungle was in vogue and so there was no necessity to give further concession.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Am I to understand that Government have no objection in granting license to the people of Nedumangad to collect manure leaves out of scrub-jungle reserve?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Forest Department will continue to permit the collection of manure leaves?

PRESIDENT: The Government member stated that the practice still continues.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Can the member tell us the extent of scrub-jungle reserve in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Promotion of Teachers as Head Masters.*

235. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the promotion of teachers to Head Masters' places in V. M. Schools, will the Government be pleased to state whether any percentage of Head Masters' places is allotted to undergraduate trained teachers in the Vernacular Branch who have put in some years' service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

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